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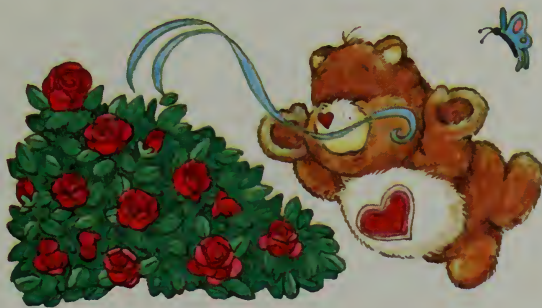
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Oh, how Tenderheart Bear wanted to have a garden!

Every time he was on a visit to a child in the real world, he stopped to take a long look at the gardens there.



He looked at flower gardens. He
looked at vegetable gardens. They all
looked wonderful to Tenderheart Bear.
They smelled good too.



In Care-a-lot, the magical land where Tenderheart Bear lived with the other Care Bears, there were many wonderful things.

There were rainbows to walk across or slide down.



There were sparkling stars and
dancing sunbeams.

There were fluffy clouds for taking
naps. But there were no gardens.

The one thing that Tenderheart
Bear needed for even a tiny garden
was not to be found in Care-a-lot.
Earth—good, rich, brown earth.



"I wish I could have a garden," said Tenderheart to Wish Bear.

"Sometimes you have to help a wish come true," Wish Bear answered. "If you want to have a real garden, you must go to the real world."



“A garden is a lot of work,
Tenderheart,” said Friend Bear. “I’ll
come with you to help.”



“I’ll come too,” said Good Luck Bear. “You’ll need a little luck to help your garden grow!”



So Tenderheart, Friend, and Good Luck Bear left Care-a-lot together to find a garden for Tenderheart.

The first place they looked was a pretty little town. Every house seemed to have its own little garden. Petunias spilled out of window boxes, and rambling roses climbed picket fences.





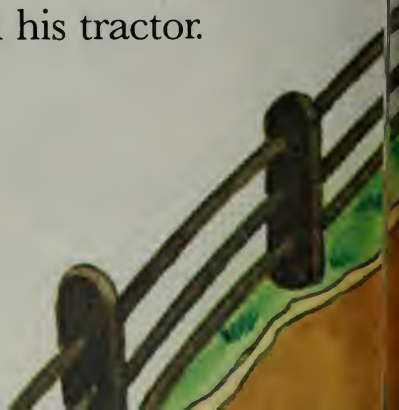
“I really understand why you want a garden, Tenderheart,” said Friend Bear. “Gardens *are* very beautiful. But this town has gardens everywhere. I don’t think it really needs any more.”



So the three Care Bears went to the country.

“There is lots of room for a garden here,” said Good Luck Bear. “But all the gardens are so big!”

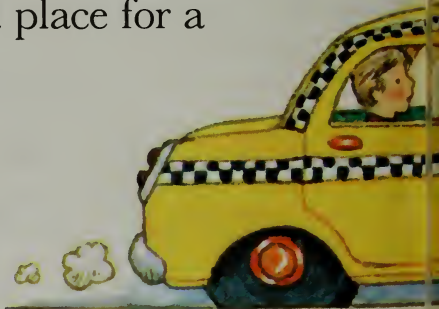
The Care Bears looked at the fields of corn and tomatoes. They watched the farmer plowing with his tractor. They felt very little.





“I know a place that really needs a garden,” said Friend Bear. “If we are lucky, we can find a space that is just the right size.”

So the Care Bears went to the big city. Tenderheart Bear looked at the tall buildings and the miles of concrete sidewalks. He felt very discouraged. Where could he find a place for a garden?





“Look!” said Good Luck Bear, pointing to an empty lot between two buildings. “This is a perfect place!”

The Care Bears worked hard to clear away the broken bricks and bottles. They raked the dirt and planted seeds. They planted flowers and vegetables.



The people who lived in the tall buildings came to help the Care Bears.

Soon green things started to grow. Everyone worked together. They watered the plants and pulled the weeds.



And while the garden grew and
grew and grew, good feelings grew
between everyone working in it.

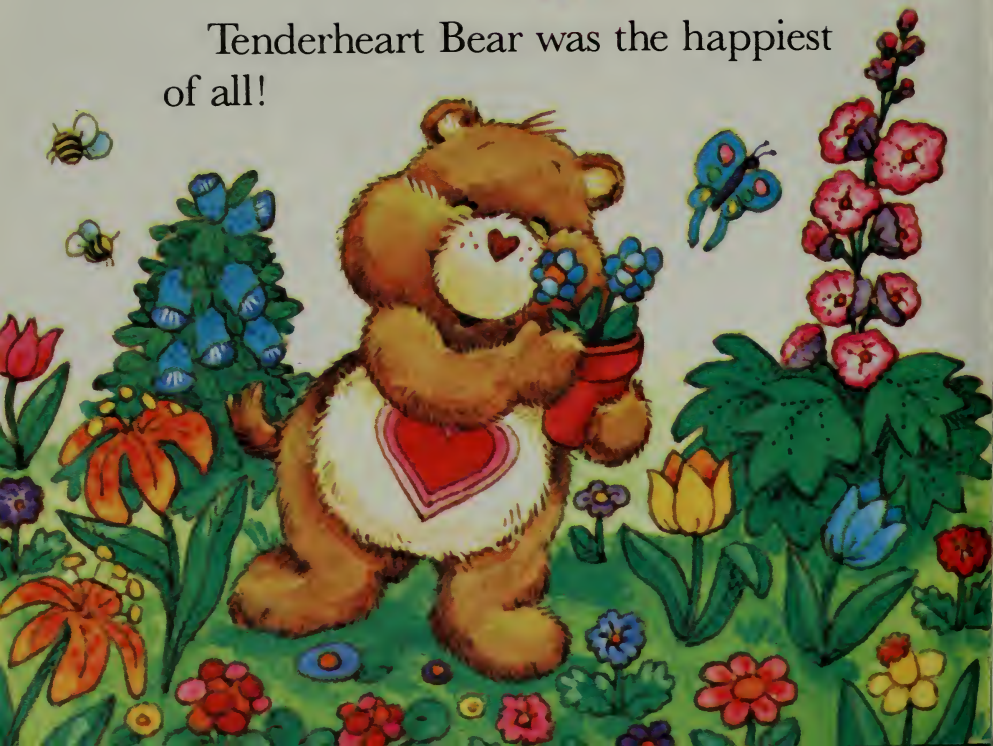




Then one day the buds on the marigolds opened into bright flowers. Tenderheart Bear found some tiny green tomatoes on the tomato plant. Everyone was very happy to have a garden.



Tenderheart Bear was the happiest
of all!





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